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EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND SUPERFUND AREA**

Site Inspection Report

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Dear Mr. Dávila

Re: B & B Woodtreating
Saint Just Industrial Park
Trujillo Alto, Puerto Rico

TRD 987379344

The B & B Woodtreating and Processing was located in the Saint Just Industrial Park in Trujillo Alto, Puerto Rico. The geographic coordinates are 18°22'42" N latitude and 66°00'09" W longitude. The site is surrounded by other industries, consists of approximately 2.5 acres and is located on relatively flat terrain that drain toward the Blasina creek. The company was established in 1976 for the treatment and preservation of wood. On 1989, as consequence of Hurricane Hugo that destroyed the old site structures, they moved to the Amelia Industrial Park in Guaynabo.

On June 3, 1992 under the authority of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA) and the Superfund Amendment and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA), the Puerto Rico Environmental Quality Board conducted a Preliminary Assessment (PA). The inspection revealed that the B & B Woodtreating facility operated from 1976-1989. The site consisted of four (4) structures: one for wooden doors manufacturing and raw material storage area; second one for maintenance area and a treated wood dehumidifier; third were the offices, machinery, treating cylinders and tanks; fourth was a wood


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storage area. During the years of operation they used a mixture of chromium copper arsenate (CCA), and water as preservative, reason why samples were taken from the site. The results of the samples collected, states high levels of chromium, copper and arsenate. Due to the irregularities found during the preliminary assessment, a Site Inspection (SI) was recommended.

Then, on May 8, 1998 the PREQB Superfund technicians conducted an onsite reconnaissance which revealed that the site was bought by Mr. Otero, five months ago, who is using it to store alumina. This substance is sold to the PR Aqueduct Sewer Authority to treat the water from their filter plants. Mr. Otero also informed, that he removed the soil and the water from the pit; then, covered the area with more than four feet of earthen material and gravel. While, the others areas in the facility are covered with cement and asphalt. Due to the fact that the source area was covered with a new layer of soil, and there are not drinking water wells within a 4-miles downgradient to the site, or surface water intakes 15 downstream miles from the site, a No Further Remedial Action Plan (NFRAP) is recommended under the Superfund program.

Sincerely,


Jorge L. Quiñones
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ON SITE RECONNAISSANCE INFORMATION REPORTING FORM

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Saint Just Industrial Park
Trujillo Alto, Puerto Rico

- 1232** PREQB Superfund PA/SI technicians, Nereida Hernández, Mercedes Padilla and Jorge L. Quiñones, arrived to the site, in order to perform a reconnaissance. To reach the site, travel south from San Juan on Muñoz Rivera Ave. until reach State Road #3 (Regimiento 65 de Infantería), then travel east until the intersection with State Road #181 and turn to the right. Travel southward until the intersection with State Road #848. In the next turning make a left and travel up to Km. 1.8 where the entrance to the Saint Just Industrial Park is located. Turn to the right and then to the left. The site is located to the right.
- 1237** Interview with Mr. Alberto Otero, son of the owner. He informed that they bought the property five months ago. There are six workers onsite. The facility has been used to store alumina which is sold to PR Aqueduct and Sewer Authority to treat the water from their filter plants. The new name of the facility is SYS, Inc.
- 1247** Were taken the photos of the site.
- 1307** Mr. Grego A. Otero, the new owner of the facility arrived to the site. He informed that, after he bought the property, the water of the pit and the soil from the surrounding areas were removed, and then covered with a new layer of soil (more than four feet) and gravel.
- 1322** Finished the Onsite Reconnaissance.

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Camera: Canon T-5
Film: Kodak Gold 100 / 36 films
Photographer: Nereida Hernández

P H O T O L O G

PHOTO/NUMBER	TIME	DESCRIPTION
1 - 3	1247	Storage area of alumina (drums - 55 gals.).
4 - 5	1256	Front part of the facility covered with asphalt and cement.
6 - 7	1259	Back part of the facility covered with a new layer of soil and gravel.
8	1305	Area where the pit with water was located.



PHOTO 1

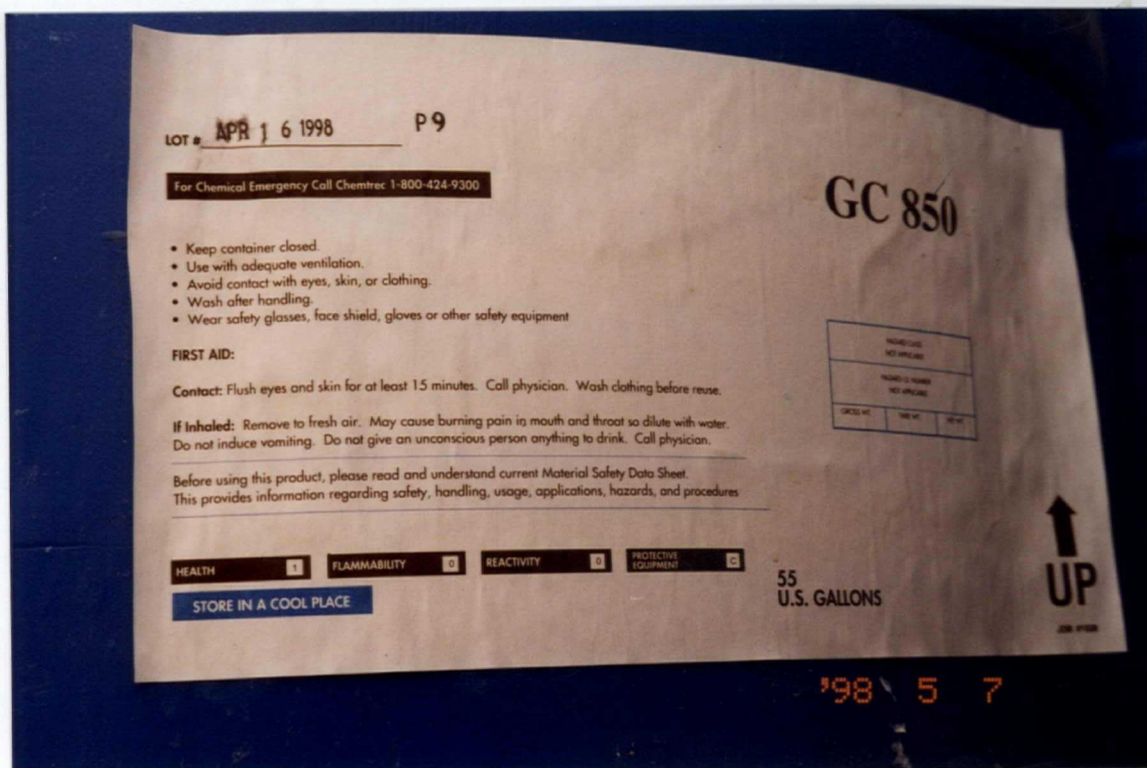


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